(c) and (d) The U.S. Administration has denied having any hand in the construction or renovation of Pakistani bases or facilities. It has also denied having requested or desired base rights in Pakistan. Government, however, are alert to developments which have a bearing on India's security.

Afforestation Programme

115. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister has declared an afforestation programme to bring additional 25 million hectares of land under afforestation during the Seventh Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, how much land has been covered under this programme by now, State-wise; and

(c) what steps are being taken to achieve the goal set by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Prime Minister has declared that 5 million hectares of land every year will be brought under fuel wood and fodder plantations.

(b) The area covered under afforestation by now (upto Dec. 1986) under the National Wasteland Development Programme is approximately 3.2 million hectares. The State-wise and year will be brough under fuel-wood statement.

(c) The following main steps are being taken to achieve the goal of the programme:—

1. Establishment of Decentralised people's nurseries. It is proposed to start a people's movement through small and marginal farmers, schools, women's groups, youth groups etc. Aim is to locate one such nursery in each village or in cluster of villages. The free distribution of seedlings by State Forest Department is to be gradually stopped to protect the interests of the small decentralised people's nurseries.

2. *Involvement of voluntary Agencies*:—Voluntary agencies specially women's organisations are proposed to be involved in planning, execution and monitoring of afforestation schemes.

3. *Tree Grower's cooperatives*:—These are proposed to be encouraged so that poverty in village may be reduced.

4. *Integration of Schemes*:—It is proposed to integrate fodder, fuelwood and small timber production scheme through various social forestry projects being implemented in rural areas.

5. *Funding*:—It is proposed to involve Forest Development Corporations so that Institutional finance may be utilised.

In addition many Foreign-aided projects are already negotiated and are being negotiated.

Statement

Achievements under Afforestation

(*Area covered in* 000'*hc.*)

S.No.	Name of State/U.T	1985-86	1986-87* upto Dec. 1986	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1	Andhra Pradesh	158	130	288
2	Assam	20	31	51
3	Bihar	76	136	212

1	2	3	4	5
4	Gujarat	125	110	235
5	Haryana	47	32	79
6	Himachal Pradesh	34	24	58
7	Jammu & Kashmir	23	11	34
8	Karnataka	127	114	241
9	Kerala	58	76	134
10	Madhya Pradesh	175	196	371
11	Maharashtra	108	117	225
12	Manipur	6	7	13
13	Meghalaya	7	8	15
14	Nagaland	13	20	33
15	Orissa	96	98	194
16	Punjab	30	25	55
17	Rajasthan	48	62	110
18	Sikkim	4	6	10
19	Tamil Nadu	61	76	137
20	Tripura	10	13	23
21	Uttar Pradesh	177	243	420
22	West Bengal	56	68	124
23	A & N Islands	5	5	10
24	Arunachal Pradesh	5	1	6
25	Chandigarh	neg.	neg.	..
26	Delhi	1	2	3
27	Dadra & Nagar Haveli	2	2	4
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	2	3	5
29	Lakshdweep	neg.	neg.	..
30	Mizoram	35	64	99
31	Pondicherry	1	neg.	1
	TOTAL :	1510	1680	3190

*Achievements are as per Ministry of Programme Implementation's Dec. Report.